

# Canadian VPS hosting with root access: planning checklist

Install packages and configure your own Linux services. Root access also makes you responsible for system updates, security and backups.

## What to check

### What the service needs to cover

Check choosing a VPS specifically because root access is required for packages, ports, services, firewall rules, runtimes, mounts, or system configuration that shared hosting cannot expose safely.

### Ownership and access

Record the account owner, administrator and recovery contact. Keep passwords and keys in an appropriate secret store, not in this worksheet.

### Recovery and retention

For backups, define the data-loss window and retention period. Check physical and account separation from the source, then restore a sample before relying on the copy.

### Changes and renewals

Keep current configuration and renewal details. Review the plan when the data, software or people responsible for the service change.

## Before you proceed

Confirm the current product specifications and service responsibilities. Record who can approve a change and how to recover the service if it goes wrong.

# Services to compare

Check the linked product pages for current prices, included resources, availability and terms.

## VPS hosting

Self-managed virtual servers with administrator access, shared vCPU, dedicated IPv4 and IPv6. RAM uses ballooning. Review current disk allocations, operating systems and licence costs. Backups are separate.

## Backup storage

Canadian SFTP storage for compatible backup software. You configure backup jobs and retention. Confirm physical separation when protecting another DotMoose service.

## Domains

Register, transfer or renew a domain and manage DNS. Check extension-specific eligibility, transfer rules and renewal prices.

## Ask about your project

Send the software, capacity, location and timing requirements. Confirm any feature not shown on the current product page before ordering.

# Your project notes

Keep this page with your project. Do not write passwords, private keys or other secrets here.

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|--------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Project / website</b>                   |  |
| <b>Software and data</b>                   |  |
| <b>Service / full ongoing cost</b>         |  |
| <b>Account owner / administrator</b>       |  |
| <b>Backup location / restore test</b>      |  |
| <b>Move or launch date / rollback plan</b> |  |

Software and data: Which application, files, databases and integrations are included?

People and timing: Who owns the service, who maintains it, and when must the work be finished?

Budget and recovery: What is the full ongoing cost, and how will you recover if the change fails?

## Ready for the next step?

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